



## Niagara Orleans Regional Land Improvement Corporation (NORLIC)

### Meeting Minutes – April 26, 2024

A meeting of the Niagara Orleans Regional Land Improvement Corporation was held at 9 a.m. on April 26, 2024 at Samuel M. Ferraro Center For Economic Development, Sanborn, New York.

- 1-2. Welcome Remarks/Roll: The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chairman Updegrove.

#### **Board of Directors:**

Richard Updegrove – Chairman  
Christopher Voccio – Vice Chairman  
Michael Casale – Board Member  
Rob DePaolo – Board Member  
Kevin Forma – Board Member  
Lynn Johnson – Board Member (Absent)  
Heather Peck – Board Member

#### **Officers:**

Andrea Klyczek – Executive Director (Absent)  
Amy Schifferli – Treasurer

#### **Staff:**

Katherine Alexander – Attorney  
Matthew Chavez - Project Manager  
Jacquiline Minicucci – Recording Secretary

#### **Guests:**

Robert Burns, Antonio Pasquantino

3. Approval of Minutes:  
A motion to approve minutes from the March 22, 2024 NORLIC meeting as submitted by Jacquiline Minicucci was made by Mr. Voccio, seconded by Mr. Casale. Ayes 6, Noes 0. Carried.
4. Financial Report: Mrs. Minicucci reviewed expenses and provided the board with current financial statements. No concerns noted.

#### **Action Items:**

5. Resolution – Transfer of Tax Liens, Junkyard Parcels:  
The board welcomed Robert Burns and Antonio Pasquantino, developers, who presented their plans for reuse of the junkyards. The board discussed the proposals stating that both developers exhibited the ability to complete their proposed redevelopment plans. The board had some follow up questions regarding Mr. Pasquantino's development plans and asked that staff reach out to him.

**Project Manager Update: M. Chavez**

- 1.) 2010 Main St., Niagara Falls: Starting the Environmental Review process for HCR Grant approval.
- 2.) Additional HCR Grant Funding: Newly released NYS Budget includes approximately \$50 million for landbank activity.
- 3.) HCR Grant Phase II: NORLIC currently has 15 active properties and Mr. Chavez reviewed the project commitment log noting that there is still funding available and requested that board members review their municipalities needs for future projects.
- 4.) Niagara University Property Study: The project is in the final phase of completion. Mr. Forma stated that a GIS tool has been created with advanced features showing property correlation. Board members are welcome to access the information.
- 5.) Comprehensive Plan North Tonawanda: NORLIC has been invited to participate in the comprehensive planning regarding vacancy and housing issues within the municipality.
- 6.) GM Study: Mr. Chavez and Ms. Peck are coordinating an in person meeting with the Center for Community Progress and the City of Lockport.

**Attorney Update: K. Alexander**

Closing for the acquisition of 2010 Main Street, Niagara Falls is complete.

**Other Business**: No report.

**New Business**: No report.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. was made by Mr. Updegrove, seconded by Mr. Voccio. Ayes 6, Noes 0. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Jacquiline Minicucci, Recording Secretary